

NEWSLETTER

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Sunday March 9th 2025

First Sunday of Lent

This Lent as spring unfurls, keep believing in brighter days

As our journey of Lent begins, we are reminded, as always, of Jesus' own journey of forty days in the desert where he was 'led by the Spirit' ... in the middle of his time of fasting, while hungry and alone, we are reminded that the temptations were close at hand to disrupt what Jesus set out to achieve in this time of preparation and reflection into how he must fulfil the purpose of his life and mission.

While Jesus falls back on the words of scripture by way of answer to his tempter who teases him about his powers to turn stones to bread to satisfy his hunger, and indeed suggestive words that all the kingdoms of the world could be his if he were to SIMPLY 'worship him' the tempter.

Jesus in his resilience retorts with conviction, the words from scripture, "Man does not live on bread alone" and "You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone".

For us it's the next interaction between Jesus and his tempter that may qualify as our take home moment as we take on this Lenten season and reflect on 'My life and Mission' ... The tempter tries to provoke Jesus into a moment of abandonment assuring him that if he was to throw himself from the parapet of the temple and so PROVE himself as the Son of God "He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you ... they will hold you up on their hands in case you strike your foot against a stone" While Jesus by way of response, "You must not put the Lord your God to the test". At this the tempter gives up, at least for now.

Our possible 'take home' as we set out on our journey this Lenten season in this JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE .. Like Jesus, his resilience seemed reinforced by him not being alone but rather accompanied by the angels to guard him and hold him up. ... our resilience when confronted to

give up might be reinforced with angels sent by God whose companionship in our most tested moments speak to us in person or in memory stoking our resilience to never give up, trusting in our own dignity and purpose, with an eye always fixed on an horizon where the rising light of any given day is the light of HOPE!

May you always have an Angel by your side.

watching out for you in all the things you do,
reminding you to keep believing in brighter days

finding ways for your wishes and dreams
to take you to beautiful places, giving you hope
that is certain as the sun, giving you the

strength of serenity as your guide,
may you always have love and comfort and courage,
and may you always have an Angel by your side....

....Someone there to catch you if you fall,
encouraging your dreams, inspiring your happiness,
holding your hand and helping you through it all.

In all our days, our lives are always changing,
tears come along as well as smiles,

along the roads you travel,
may the miles be a thousand times more lovely than lonely,
may they give you the kind of gifts that never ever end:

someone wonderful to love and a dear friend in whom you
can confide,

may you have rainbows after every storm, may have hopes
to keep you warm.....

....And may you always have an Angel by your side

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Mass of Anniversaries

March 15th

Boston 6.30pm, Ruan 8pm

March 16th

Crusheen 9.30am, Corofin 11am

Please contact Imeall Boirne Office with names of your loved ones to be included in the Mass of Anniversaries.

Baptisms in Imeall Boirne Pastoral Area

Baptisms will take place on Saturdays from 2pm rotating between all four parishes. Please contact Imeall Boirne Office for more details.

Preparing to Celebrate the Sacraments

We gather to join with our younger members preparing to celebrate Communion for the First Time and the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Family Masses

Saturday 8th March

Boston 6.30pm, Ruan 8pm

Sunday 9th March

Crusheen 9.30am , Corofin 11am

Saturday 29th March

Boston 6.30pm, Ruan 8pm

Sunday 30th March

Crusheen 9.30am , Corofin 11am

Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time.

Monday 10th March

Toonagh NS 6.00pm

St. Tola's Church, Dysart

Ruan NS 7.30pm

St. Mary's Church, Ruan

Tuesday 11th March

Crusheen NS 6.00pm

St. Cronan's Church, Crusheen

Tubber NS & Boston NS 7.30pm

All Saints' Church, Boston

Wednesday 12th March

Corofin NS 6.00pm

St. Brigid's Church Corofin

Kilnaboy NS 7.30pm

St. Joseph's Church, Kilnaboy

Priest on call this week

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Trócaire

Trócaire's Lenten Campaign aims to help families in Guatemala most affected by climate change, and least responsible for creating the crisis . Boxes are available in our churches.

Short Term Pioneer Pledge for Lent

Pope Francis has invited us this Lent to "journey in hope together". A short-term pledge is available via www.pioneerassociation.org for parishioners who wish to become a "pilgrim of hope" for people who are living under the shadow of addiction.

Thank-you to all who are organising the Apostolic Society Displays this weekend

Thought for the Week

"Lent is about becoming, doing and changing whatever it is that is blocking the fullness of life in us right now."
Sr. Joan Chittister, OSB

St Patrick's Day Mass Schedule



Monday March 17th 2025

St. Mary's Church, Ruan 9.30am
St. Michael's Church, Tubber 9.30am
St. Cronan's Church, Crusheen 11am
St. Brigid's Church, Corofin 11am

Lectio Divina During Lent

Come along to pray together the Word of God / Lectio Divina during Lent. A great way to gather and pray the gospel readings of Lent. We are offering four nights in Imeall Boirne Pastoral Area for us to enjoy the reading of the Gospel of each Sunday.

We plan to meet on **Wednesday** evenings at **8pm** beginning on **March 19th**. To facilitate people we have arranged that the Parishes of Ruan & Corofin will alternate venue each evening beginning in the Sacristy, **St. Brigid's Church, Corofin on March 19th** . For the parishes of Crusheen & Tubber/ Boston we will meet in the **Meeting Room, Crusheen Church on March 19th @ 8pm.**

Do you want to fast this Lent?

In the words of Pope Francis...

Fast from hurting words, say kind words.

Fast from anger, be filled with patience.

Fast from worries, have trust in God.

Fast from selfishness, be compassionate.

Fast from grudges, be reconciled.

Fast from pessimism, be filled with hope.

Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.

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Please see our website for information on recent meeting of Imeall Boirne Coordinating Group, notices and upcoming events.

Corofin / Kilnaboy / Rath

Masses Sunday 9th March

Rath 9.30am Mass of Anniversaries

Winifred O’Gorman (Willbrook)

Michael & Bridget Kenneally (Willbrook)

Deceased Members of the Whelan Family (Moyhill)

Corofin 11am Family Mass

Morning Masses

Corofin: Monday/ Thursday / Friday at 9:30am

Adoration of the Eucharist

Corofin each Fri 10:00 am - 5 pm

Masses Sunday 16th March

Kilnaboy 9.30am Mass for the People

Corofin 11am Mass of Anniversaries

James Howard (Gortlecka) Deceased Members of the Cullinan Family, John & Pauline Collins (Dromoher) Gerald McGann (Tullycommon) Toddy O’Loughlin, Joe Collins (Poplar House) Miko Quinn (Kells) Paddy & Bridget Moroney & Deceased Members of the Moroney Family (Ballyporty) John Fitzgerald, Martin Fitzgerald, James O’Brien (Ashfield) Sean Leyden (Drinagh) PJ Commene (Drinagh) Patrick Collins, Michael Organ, Mary O’Connell (Station Rd)

Mass Monday 17th March

Corofin 11am St Patrick’s Day

Apostolic Society Display & Cake Sale

Sunday March 9th Corofin Hall 11am -4pm. If you would like to donate a sacred vessel in memory of a loved one please contact Kathleen 086-4026104 or Christina 087-6411569

Ruan / Dysart

Mass Saturday 8th March

Ruan 8pm Family Mass

Morning Masses

Dysart: Wednesday at 9.30am

Ruan: Thursday at 9.30am

Adoration of the Eucharist

Dysart - Wed from 10:00am to 1 pm

Ruan - Wed from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Mass Saturday 15th March

Ruan 8pm Mass of Anniversaries

Martha & Tommy Casey, Marian O’Rourke,

Patrick & Claire McMahon (Rineen) Joan Daly,

Teresa & John Foley,

Mass Monday 17th March

Ruan 9.30am St Patrick’s Day

Prayer During Lent You are invited to come along to St Tola’s Church, Dysart on Fridays at 7pm during Lent for The Stations of the Cross & Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Ruan/Dysart Apostolic Society Display

Community Centre , Ruan. Tea & Cake served.

Sat 8th March after 8pm Mass. Sunday 9th March 12-4pm

Your support will be greatly appreciated.

An afternoon ceili, to mark the first anniversary of the late Frank Custy RIP will be held on Sunday, March 9, from 3-6pm, in Toonagh Hall. Music by The Star of Munster Ceili Band . Refreshments will be served and a raffle will be held.

€12 entry fee with all proceeds going to Slainte an Chlair, Cancer Centre, Kilnamona

Tubber / Boston

Mass Saturday 8th March

Boston 6.30pm Family Mass

Morning Mass:

Tubber Church on Friday at 9.30am

Adoration of the Eucharist

Tubber Tuesday 7pm - 8pm

Mass Saturday 15th March

Boston 6.30pm Mass of Anniversaries

Mass Monday 17th March

Tubber 9.30am St Patrick’s Day

Tubber N.S. is now accepting enrolments. Contact the school for Application 091-633230

Boston National School Enrolments are now being taken for September 2025 please contact 091 633 211

TOONAGH NATIONAL SCHOOL FUNDRAISING METAL COLLECTION All your unwanted/broken metal objects can be dropped to JADA Construction yard, Toonagh on Saturday 22nd March 9-5PM . More details on Toonagh N.S. Parents Association Facebook page or Toonagh N.S. Instagram .

Crusheen / Ballinruan

Mass Sunday 9th March

Crusheen 9.30am Family mass

Morning Mass

Crusheen Tuesday & Wednesday 9:30am

Adoration of the Eucharist

Crusheen Thurs 10:00am to 9:00pm

Mass Sunday 16th March

Crusheen 9.30am Mass of Anniversaries

Patrick & Margaret Halpin, their son Brendan &

Deceased Family Members,

Angela & Paddy McNamara (Drumbanniff)

Mass Monday 17th March

Crusheen 11 am St Patrick’s Day

Crusheen Apostolic Society Display

March 9th after 9.30am Mass & 1pm-4pm in Meeting Room . Cake Sale and raffle, allwelcome. If you would like to donate a sacred vessel please contact Helen O’Brien 086-1545620 or Angela O’Halloran 086-3405479

Thank-you for your recent

donations and continued support

Rest in Peace

Rev. Martin Mulqueen Ballygriffey, Ruan . Palm City Florida

Tomdy Carkill Leana, Wigan UK

Gone no further than God and God is very near

Today's Scripture Readings

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy Deut 26:4-10

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:' 'My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me.'" You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' R

Upon you no evil shall fall,
no plague approach where you dwell.
For you has he commanded his angels,
to keep you in all your ways. R

They shall bear you upon their hands
lest you strike your foot against a stone.
On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample
the young lion and the dragon. R

His love he set on me, so I will rescue him;
protect him for he knows my name.
When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you'.
I will save him in distress and give him glory. R

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans Rom 10:8-13

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Man does not live on bread alone,
But on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: man does not live on bread alone.' Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

The Gospel of the Lord